Statement

Projects which have received International Assistance

1. Financial assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of the Government of Japan for the project for Infrastructure Development along the identified Buddhist Circuit in U.P. and Bihar.

2. Financial assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of the Government of Japan for the project for conservation and Development of Ajanta and Ellora Region in the State of Maharashtra.

3. Financial assistance from UNDP/ILO for Modernization and Upgrading of the Institutes of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition.

National Action Plan for Tourism

448. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the National Action Plan for Tourism in some States more than one circuit/destination have been identified; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the National Action Plan some States have been completely omitted; and

(c) what is the criteria for selection of projects to be included in the National Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The National Action Plan for Tourism envisages intensive development of areas of tourism potential. Fifteen circuits/destinations have been initially identified for taking up concentrated development. The areas identified are purely on the basis of tourism potential and not by State-wise. The extent of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to all the States would continue as per the present practice.

Financial Assistance to States for Tourism

449. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the financial assistance provided by the Department of Tourism to each State during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) what was the financial assistance provided to each State during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 and what was the extent of utilisation;

(c) what is the basis on which some States are given more than others; and

(d) whether any attempt has been made to give more grants to those states which have received lower amounts in the previous years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the central financial assistance sanctioned to all the States for augmentation of tourism infrastructure during the Seventh Five Year Plan, 1990-91 and 1991-92 is appended. (*See* below).

The States could utilise the central financial assistance only to the extent of 52 per cent for projects sanctioned during 1990-91 and 45 per cent during 1991-92.

(c) and (d) The extent of financial assistance provided by the Central Government to any State depends upon the number of viable projects submitted by the respective States and the physical progress in respect of projects sanctioned in earlier years.